

**ESSAY PRIZES OFFERED**

**FIFTY DOLLAR CONTEST ARRANGED FOR CHILDREN.**

**Oregon Society Sons of The American Revolution Want Essays On War For Independence**

The Oregon Society of the Sons of the American Revolution is offering a series of prizes totaling the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to the pupils of the public schools of the state of Oregon for essays on topics connected with the war for American Independence.

There will be three prizes awarded: Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the first, fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for the second, and ten dollars (\$10.00) for the third best essay respectively written by the pupils of the high or grade schools of the state on one of the following topics:

1. The Siege of Yorktown.
2. The Influence of Benjamin Franklin upon the American Revolution.
3. The part played by the Colony of Massachusetts in the American Revolution.
4. Privateers and their work in the Revolution.

The conditions controlling the contest are as follows: Essays shall not exceed three thousand words in length; shall be written in the pupil's own handwriting on one side of white paper, and must be accompanied by a certificate from the pupil's teacher to the effect that the essay is the unaided work of the pupil. Essays must be signed by the writer, giving full postoffice address including the county and be forwarded to Mr. Winthrop Hammond, chairman of the committee, No. 127 Sixth street, Portland, Oregon. Essays must be in the hands of the committee not later than April 1, 1917. Essays not complying with these requirements will be rejected. No essays will be returned.

Prizes will be awarded upon the following points:

1. Originality.
2. Accuracy of statement.
3. Manner of treatment.
4. Orthography, syntax and punctuation.
5. Neatness and legibility.

The prizes are offered to encourage love of country and the study of its history.

Further information concerning the contest may be had by addressing any member of the committee in charge of the contest whose names and addresses appear below.

Winthrop Hammond, 127 Sixth street, Portland, Oregon.

F. J. Miller, state house, Salem, Oregon.

Rollin K. Page, Masonic Temple, Salem, Oregon.

**IN NINETEEN SIXTY-SIX.**

A poor old man with trembling limbs  
And stooped decrepit form,  
Stood on a weather-beaten dock,  
And faced a wintry storm.

He minded not the icy winds  
That fanned his snow-white beard,  
But holding high a telescope  
Straight down the track he peered.

The scene about the place he stood  
Was one of desolation,  
But patiently he took his stand,  
Such was his occupation.

Off to the right there stood a mill,  
The roof had blown away,  
And where they once had piled the  
lath  
Now grew a crop of hay.

Grew timber wolves in howling droves  
Were living in the stable,  
And wood rats through the plant had  
eaten  
All except the cable.

The pond which once had held the logs  
logs  
And germs of typhoid fever,  
Now formed a quiet breeding place  
For several dozen beaver.

The boiler room was cold and still,  
The flues were full of bats;  
The office with the windows out  
Had been sealed up with slats.

Long moss upon the planer shed  
In great abundance grew,  
And from her nest on the old side-  
track  
The timid pheasant flew.

Here and there, all weather worn,  
And piled high on the dock,  
Was what had in the bygone days  
Been the ready-for-shipment stock.

The poor old man with his tottering  
frame  
Through the tall grass trudged each  
day,  
And he'd take his place with his tele-  
scope  
And he'd only look one way.

He would look 'way off t'ward the

sun-kist south,  
And his face was filled with sor-  
row,  
And the only thing that he would say  
Was "They promised me some to-  
morrow."

A stranger passing by one day  
Inquired of a native son,  
"Who is that man who sits over there  
With the antique vision gun?"

"My friend," the native answered,  
As he wiped away the tears,  
"You shouldn't speak of him that  
way,  
For he's been there fifty years."

"Why that man's story to us here  
Is as common as the stars,  
He's a Willamette Valley lumberman,  
And he's looking for S. P. cars."

**DAIRYMEN MEET IN PORTLAND.**

**Instructors Met Wednesday With Butter Standard as Their Goal**

The Oregon Dairymen's convention met yesterday morning in Portland. Many Polk county creamerymen had expected to attend the meeting, which was opened with a talk by Dr. D. W. Mack, chief milk specialist of the Portland Health Bureau.

To obtain a uniform standard for butter, cheese and other dairy products is one of the principal objects of the Western Dairy Instructors' association, which conducted its annual convention at the Portland Hotel Wednesday as a preliminary to the Western dairymen's convention.

Dairy experts from the various agricultural schools and from the government bureaus in all states west of the Rocky mountains were in attendance at Wednesday's meeting. Routine business was transacted and much time was given to a discussion of the problems common to all dairy instructors who come in regular contact with creamery men, cheesemakers and the ordinary farmer.

That it is difficult to get the average farmer to make an earnest effort to maintain a regular standard for his product, was one of the principal points dwelt on by various speakers.

Three representatives of the Federal division of dairying, which is maintained by the Department of Agriculture at Salt Lake City, were in attendance and explained the work they are doing to get a uniform standard for dairy products throughout the Western states and the Pacific coast country. They are J. E. Dorman, E. V. Ellingham and G. E. Frevert.

Mr. Frevert has charge of an interesting exhibit at the Portland. It consists of specimen products from 5 creameries, 20 cheese factories, 132 milk and cream dealers and various other dairymen.

**REFERENDUM TO BE INVOKED.**

**Sterilization Bill, Insurance Code, and Fish Law Are Opposed.**

The referendum will be invoked against the Peek sterilization bill, the insurance code, and the bill removing the dead line on commercial fishing in the Willamette river to a point three miles below Oregon City, according to reports which are current about the state house.

According to the reports the commercial fishermen are planning to fight the bill passed by the legislature as it eliminates profitable fishing for them. The bill was supported by sportsmen.

The opposition to the insurance code comes from the fraternal organizations.

The Peek sterilization bill is the more drastic of two such measures passed by the legislature and the other was killed. The Peek bill was introduced in the house and provides for a board of eugenics which may determine the method of sterilization. The other bill was introduced by Senator Farrell and was considered comparatively mild. After the senate had passed the Peek bill, the house killed the Farrell measure.

**ROAD BONDS INDORSED.**

**West Side Pacific Highway Commission Backs Plan.**

The West Side Pacific Highway Commission at a meeting at the Commercial club rooms Wednesday in McMinnville by a vote gave its unqualified indorsement to a resolution placing the organization on record as favoring the \$8,000,000 legislative road bond issue to be submitted to the voters at a special election.

The organization, composed of delegates from the West Side counties, proposes an active educational campaign for the measure of good roads, and will gather data relative to the probable cost of preparing the highways for hard-surfacing.

G. B. Skelton, connected with the good roads department of the Oregon Agricultural college, was one of the speakers, as was also Judge W. H. Malone, of Benton county. On motion the executive committee was instructed to issue a state-wide invitation to every good roads organization to join with them in indorsing and promoting sentiment favorable to the proposed bond issue.

**ARMY CHOOSES NATIONAL AIR**

**Star-Spangled Banner Is Designated By Order of War Department.**

"The Star-Spangled Banner" is the American national air.

At least, it is as far as the United States army is concerned, a recent order of the war department designating Francis Scott Key's historic composition as the national anthem.

New army regulations just received here by Colonel Samuel R. Jones, United States quartermaster, fix "The Star-Spangled Banner" definitely, under the date of January 8, 1917.

The regulations also provide that no army musician shall play the national anthem in a medley or other musical composition, and its playing is prescribed for military reviews and other ceremonies.

For years the nation has been racked by a controversy as to which is the national air, "The Star-Spangled Banner" or "America." For the army, at last, it is to be "The Star-Spangled Banner."

**Christian Church.**

Sunday morning Mr. McConnell will speak on "The Spirit of Missions." Sunday evening two short papers will be read, one by Miss Elsie Forrette of this city on "The Young Man Worth While" and one by Mr. Guy Lee of Perrydale on "The Young Woman worth while." The papers were considered the best of any given at the Polk County Sunday school convention, held at Independence. So the opportunity is given to the Dallas folks to hear them. Mr. McConnell will speak at the conclusion of the papers on "The Price of Success." There will be special music at both services.

**Many Seek Tax Certificates.**

The 15 per cent interest which the delinquent tax certificates of Polk county bear is making this mode of investment popular this year. The certificates are being eagerly sought. Last year a man from Seattle invested about \$6000 in delinquent tax certificates of this county and he is again in the field, this time for the whole list, but has met competition. If Sheriff Orr decides to sell them to the highest bidder both the county and the taxpayer will benefit; the county will get its money and the taxpayer's rate of interest on his deferred payments will be less.

**Chimney Fire Wednesday.**

A chimney fire Wednesday morning at the John W. Orr home called out the fire boys at 8 o'clock. It was the first fire the department had been called to since last summer. No damage was done.

**TOWN TOPICS**

At your party complete the menu with Pugh's Loganberry Juice. Sold everywhere. 1-tf.

Opening of the latest Spring Millinery on Saturday, March 3, 1917, at Miss McCallon's. 104-tf

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Dr. C. L. Foster, dentist, City Bank building, Dallas.

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**BULLETIN**

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WANTED—To buy cattle, sheep and goats. Call Richmond Bros. Phone Smithfield 2x4. 1-7c

WANTED—Two or three stands Italian bees in up-to-date hives. Phone Mr. Clare, S. F. 3x35. 1-3c

FOR SALE—K power stump puller with full equipment at a bargain. Call on or address C. D. Hatfield, Dallas, Oregon, Route 1. 1-tf

FOR SALE—New, modern five-room bungalow on Washington street. terms. McBee Land Co. 77-tf

FOR SALE—House, barn, chicken house on 2 1/2 lots in Monmouth. Price \$500. Phone Dallas 1674 or 1134. Mrs. W. A. Brown, Dallas. 104-1c

FOR SALE—25 h. p. steam engine with boiler. Can be seen at Dallas

rock crusher. Apply to Chas. Gregory, city hall. 104-tf

MONEY FOUND—Call at the County Treasurer's office. 1

FOR SALE—Team, harness, wagon, three heifers, cream separator. A. H. Benton, Falls City. 104-8

FOR SALE—Choice Seed Potatoes. Four varieties. Order early as sup-

ply is limited. J. S. Macomber, phone Black 25. 104-1c

WANTED—Men to contract for cutting 1000 cords of white fir wood. F. M. Suver, phone 1053. 1-tf

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